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SUBJECT:ACTION MEMO: PROXMIRE INVITATION

(S/S NO. 7608969)

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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM MCCLOSKEY

1. YOU WILL RECALL FROM REFTEL AND MY EVENING READING OF APRIL 26 THAT PROXMIRE HAS REITERATED ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS HIS INTEREST IN HAVING YOU APPEAR BEFORE HIS BANKING COMMITTEE ON HIS ANTI-BRIBERY BILL, THE ENERGY INDEPENDENCE AUTHORITY, AND THE OECD SAFETY NET LEGISLATION. YOU HAVE ALREADY ACCEPTED MY RECOMMENDATION THAT YOU DEMUR AND INSTEAD OFFER OTHER SENIOR DEPARTMENTAL OFFICERS FOR THE LATTER TWO SUBJECTS, AND STAND ON TESTIMONY BY ROBINSON

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AND INGERSOLL ON THE FORMER. IN THE INTERIM, PROXMIRE AND

HIS STAFF HAVE REITERATED HIS HOPE THAT YOU WOULD TESTIFY PERSONALLY.

2. WE ARE PARTICULARLY CONCERNED THAT PROXMIRE MAY DELAY HIS HEARINGS ON THE SAFETY NET IN THE HOPE THAT HE CAN HAVE YOU TESTIFY ON IT. FURTHER DELAY ON THIS LEGISLATION WOULD SERIOUSLY JEOPARDIZE OUR CHANCES OF GETTING IT ENACTED

BEFORE YOU AND SIMON ATTEND THE OECD MINISTERIAL JUNE 21-

22. MOST OTHER OECD COUNTRIES HAVE NOW RATIFIED THE SAFETY NET OR ARE EXPECTED TO DO SO IN MAY, BUT U.S. APPROVAL IS NECESSARY FOR IT TO COME INTO EFFECT.

3. THUS, BECAUSE OF THE TIME SQUEEZE, IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE IF YOU COULD NOW CABLE PROXMIRE, EMPHASIZING YOUR STRONG INTEREST IN THE ENERGY AUTHORITY AND THE SAFETY NET LEGISLATION AND INFORMING HIM THAT YOU HAVE DESIGNATED CHUCK ROBINSON AND/OR JOE GREENWALD AND ROY ATHERTON TO APPEAR.

4. RECOMMENDATION:

THAT YOU SEND THE FOLLOWING TELEGRAM TO PROXMIRE.

APPROVE DISAPPROVE

5. TEXT OF PROPOSED CABLE:

"DEAR BILL: MY STAFF HAS INFORMED ME OF YOUR INVITATION TO APPEAR BEFORE THE BANKING COMMITTEE TO TESTIFY ON YOUR ANTI-BRIBERY BILL, THE ENERGY INDEPENDENCE AUTHORITY, AND THE OECD SAFETY NET LEGISLATION. AS YOU KNOW, WE ARE DEEPLY INTERESTED IN ACHIEVING THE PASSAGE OF LEGISLATION FOR THE ENERGY INDEPENDENCE AUTHORITY AND THE SAFETY NET, AND I AM HOPEFUL THAT THE COMMITTEE WILL BE ABLE TO MOVE AHEAD ON THESE QUESTIONS EXPEDITIOUSLY. I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT MY PEOPLE WILL BE FULLY COOPERATIVE WITH THE COMMITTEE IN HELPING TO DEVELOP LEGISLATION TO THIS END. I HAVE ASKED CHUCK ROBINSON, JOE GREENWALD AND ROY ATHERTON TO PREPARE TO TESTIFY AT YOUR EARLIEST CONVENIENCE.
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"IN REGARD TO THE ANTI-BRIBERY BILL, I CONSIDER THAT TESTIMONY BY BOB INGERSOLL AND CHUCK ROBINSON BEFORE INTERESTED CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES ON THIS SUBJECT COVERS EVERYTHING THE DEPARTMENT HAS TO PROVIDE. WE ARE, OF COURSE, ALSO WORKING CLOSELY WITH SECRETARY RICHARDSON AND THE CABINET TASK FORCE ON THE QUESTION OF CORPORATE PAYMENTS ABROAD AND WILL BE READY TO CONSULT FURTHER WITH

YOU ON THE PROGRESS OF OUR INTERNATIONAL INITIATIVES IN
THIS AREA.

"SINCERELY, HENRY A. KISSINGER"

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